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Vice President's Report

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We haven't had a Vice President's report in a couple of years; the recent attrition rate for the position has been high. Indeed, an examination of the *CZP Cumulative Index 1953-1993* reveals only 10 such reports when the desired frequency is now supposed to be one a year. In theory, the V-P position is the perfect job: no direct responsibilities, doesn't listen to complaints (the Board of Directors and President, please), and probably is not pressured too much when the voluntary work comes knocking.

I am saying that each of us enjoys certain aspects of our membership and dislikes others. While quite content to pass an afternoon trying to plate copies of CZ Scott #12, writing articles ranks about average on my desirability scale. Awakened from our lethargy by a novel article or publication, one of which should arrive with this issue of *CZP*, we find ourselves in pleasant contemplation of a subject previously unknown or an avenue previously unexplored. The greater difficulty lies in continuing study and development once the initial impact of the reading is dissipated. The answer can lie

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1995 Mail Sale

Consignments for the 24th mail sale should be sent to arrive no later than July 5, 1995. Certificates are required on Scott first issue and #15. An inventory must accompany all consignments. Damaged, soiled, or poorly centered copies of lower value stamps are respectfully declined and will be returned. Please ship material insured or registered. The sale will close in late September. Send material to:

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Operation Safe Haven APO AE 09361

By Kent Gray and David J. Leeds

Operation Safe Haven is the military designation of the U.S. operation that provided shelter for Cuban migrants temporarily housed in Panama. From September 1994 when the "Boat People II" arrived, four camps were established near the former site of Empire. Military (APO) post offices were set up there for U.S. Joint Task Force (JTF) troops maintaining the camps. This included the several contingents of Army Military Police and Air Force Security Police temporarily deployed to Panama from bases in the U.S. as well as personnel based there.

Use of the APO system is limited to U.S. troops and their dependents. Mail of the migrants is handled by the International Relief Committee. Support for this committee is by the U.S. Department of Justice in Miami. A telephone call to the Information Officer at one of the camps in Panama provided some of this information.

Rodman Navy Post Office was used as the staging area for "Safe Haven" mail. APO AE 09361 was the address for incoming mail, which went to Rodman and was then distributed to personnel at the camps. Outgoing "Safe Haven" mail was processed into the general Rodman stream rather than receiving the cancel shown in Fig. 1. The 09361 cancel seems to be available only on special request. "Safe Haven" mail is usually only identifiable from the return address.

The first cancel received by the Editor showed a Pittsburgh, PA jet splash receiving mark, two days after the 09361 cancel (Fig. 2). At first glance this would indicate poor sorting by the post office. However, Pittsburgh is the home base of the 911th Air National Guard (Airlift). The 911th provided airlift services to "Safe Haven" with their C130 aircraft. They carried mail along with personnel and cargo from Howard AFB, terminating in Pittsburgh. There it went into USPS channels rather than to the usual Charleston

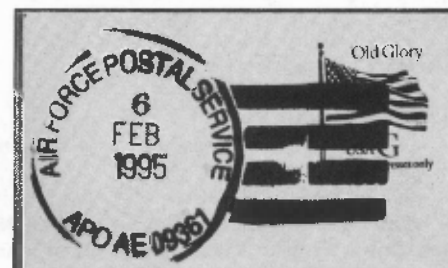


Fig. 1. APO AE 09361, Safe Haven.

AFB destination, providing a neat sidebar to an otherwise misdirected cover.

To further complicate the matter of obtaining new APO cancels, most of the troops used their parent organization's return address rather than the temporary designated "Safe Haven" address. And troops housed at Air Force dormitories at Albrook AFS (APO AA 34002) and at Howard AFB (APO AA 34001) preferred to use base post offices located near the dorms.

As a matter of interest there is a new system for deployments and the APO system. Two lists of pre-designated contingency APOs are reserved for operational necessity. One is for Europe (APO AE), the other for the Pacific (APO AP).

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Meeting Notice

The Canal Zone Study Group will hold its 25th consecutive annual meeting at WESTPEX '95 on Saturday, April 22, 1995, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard, San Francisco at 3:00 p.m. Details from R. H. Salz, 60-27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. Please bring items for "show and tell" or stamps for which you wish opinions.

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The Powers That Be (PTB) seemed to forget that APO AA existed, so they did not make a list for the Americas. When the Haitian Crisis (Distant Haven in Suriname), Haitian "Occupation" (Uphold Democracy), and Cuban Boatlift II (Safe Haven) occurred, the PTB were caught off guard and forced to use APO AE 09361 (the next contingency APO on the list). While it does not make much sense, some active areas have both temporary and permanent APOs on the same base. Even while the temporary APO exists, personnel are free to use the permanent APO. The principal benefit seen from a distance is that it is a more convenient mailing address, but outgoing mail may still be accepted and processed.

The mailing address for APO AE 09361 may also contain a four digit suffix, a ZIP+4 number for Official Mail only for the various facilities. The "+4" is not included in the cancel:

- 0001 Camp No. 1
- 0002 Camp No. 2
- 0003 Camp No. 3
- 0004 Camp No. 4
- 0005 Headquarters JTF Safe Haven
- 0006 Hospital
- 0007 Isolation Center

The January 20, and February 3, 1995 editions *Tropic Times* announced the activation of additional APO zip codes for service members deployed to Panama in support of "Operation Safe Haven":

- APO AE 09310-2080
- APO AE 09310-7010
- APO AE 09330-9110
- APO AE 09361-000*

*The last number indicates the Empire Range camp number shown above.

APO AA 34028 Task Force Mule (Grenada) Routed through Howard AFB.

Confirming cancels received.

(See Fig. 3.)

The following units were deployed out of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Second Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina:

- APO AE 09382-3210 (Co. A.)
- APO AE 09382-3220 (Co. B.)
- APO AE 09382-3230 (Co. C.)
- APO AE 09382-3240 (Co. D.)
- APO AE 09382-3280 (Headquarters)
- APO AE 09382-3290 (HQ & HQ Co.)

The following unit was deployed out of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky:

- APO AE 09381-2080 (All 101st units)

The following units were deployed out of the 8th Engineer Battalion, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas:

- APO AE 09331-6110
- APO AE 09331-6120
- APO AE 09331-6130 (Co. C.)
- APO AE 09331-6140
- APO AE 09331-6180 (Headquarters)
- APO AE 09331-6190

Recent news (*Los Angeles Times*, January 13, 1995) indicated that the move-

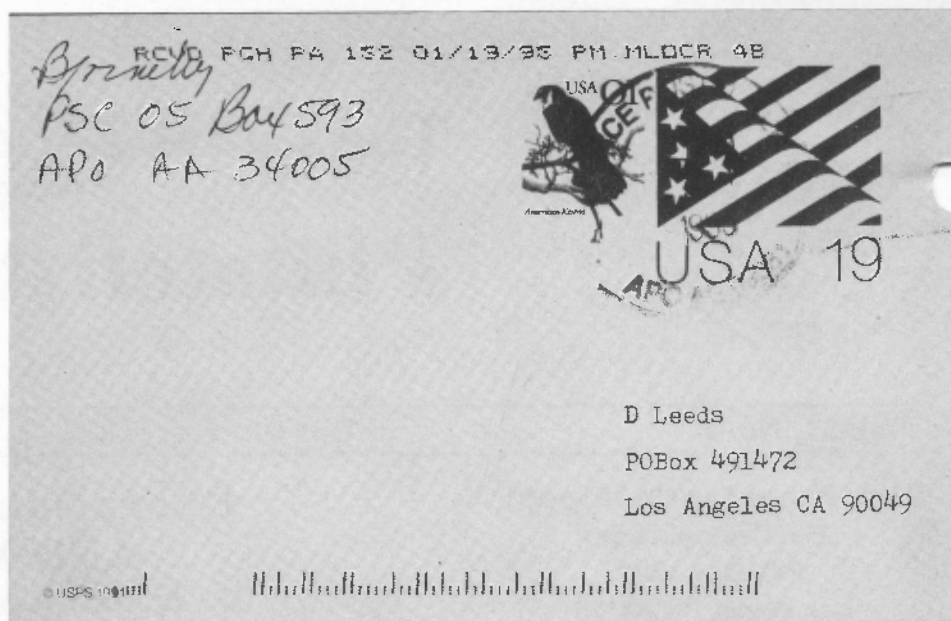


Fig. 2. APO AE 09361, via Pittsburgh.



Fig. 3. APO AA 34028, Grenada, via Howard AFB.

ments involved 3000 troops (1250 to Panama, 1800 to Guantanamo) to transfer the 8000 Cuban migrants to "villages" at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

The agreement with Panama stipulated that all of the Cubans will leave Panama by March 6, 1995. Hence these APOs will have a very short existence in Panama.

As of February 22 the only Safe Haven APO number confirmed with cancel strikes is from APO AE 09361. Mail addressed to the other APO numbers above has been returned with notations of "APO CLOSED" (Fig. 4.), or "Unable to deliver." As of mid-February all of the Panama based Cuban migrants have been returned to Guantanamo and the Empire bases have been closed and cleared, well ahead of schedule.

Thanks are due CZSG members George Cosentini, Bob Karrer, Chris Wrenn, and in Panama, Richard Bjorneby and Franklin Mitchell for their input.

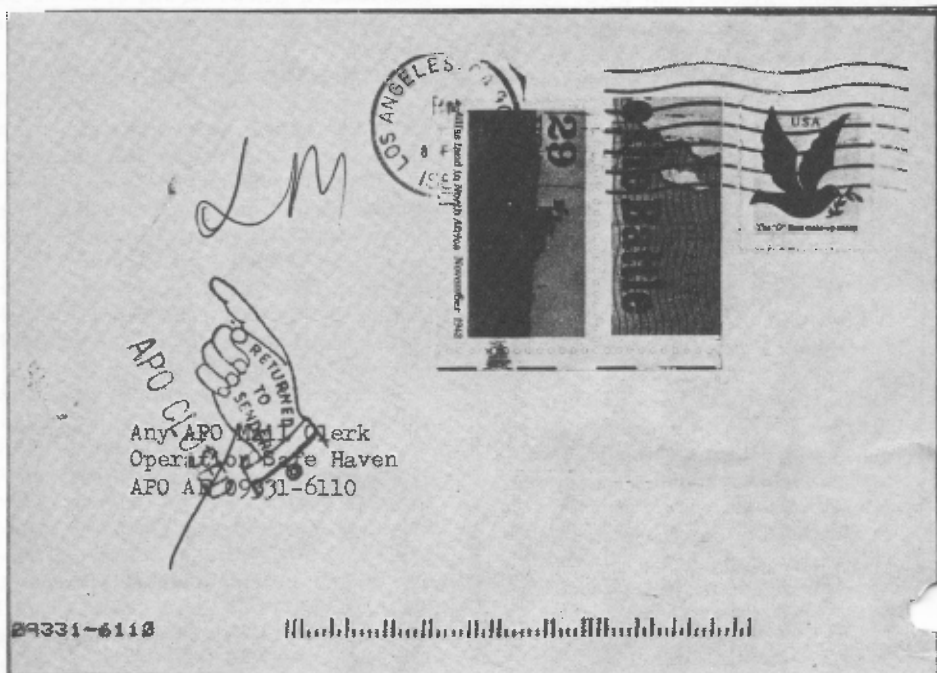


Fig. 4. RETURNED TO SENDER, APO CLOSED.

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Canal Zone Study Group

Request for Information

At ARIPEX, Dr. Gary B. Weiss exhibited a one-frame study of Canal Zone Air Mail Special Delivery covers. The exhibit, in competition with larger (up to 10 frames) displays, received an APS Silver award. The exhibit contained much new information and should provide the basis for a long article or short monograph. Any collector having unusual special delivery covers should communicate with Dr. Weiss at 400 Medical Center Blvd. #111, Webster, TX, 77598. Especially needed are photocopies of modern covers including the short lived 80¢ special delivery rate and the 17¢ air mail rate (if such covers exist).

Secretary's Report

John C. Smith

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We start 1995 with 880 active members. That includes the 103 who are delinquent with their dues. Dues are still only \$8 for regular membership. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. You may want to consider paying a year or two in advance to save time and postage. Contributing Members who pay at least \$15 and Sustaining Members who pay at least \$25 will be recognized in the third quarter CZP.

Handbook No. 10

This mailout includes our latest publication, *Canal Zone Post Office Openings and Closings -- Commemorative Covers 1927-1979*, CZSG Handbook No. 10, by Robert J. Karrer, Jr., 90 pages. The Handbook is distributed free to our members. Additional copies may be purchased from our Publications Manager at \$7.00 each, postpaid. See the listing elsewhere in this issue for this and other CZSG publications.

From the Editor

David J. Leeds

The two previous issues reestablished our Auction Column. Our new Auction Editor, Vice President Jim Crumpacker, follows the precedent of Gil Plass, to whom we are greatly indebted. Gil ran the column for 26 years, from 1968 to early 1994. Jim brings a broad perspective of CZ philately and promises enhanced descriptions along with the prices realized. We look forward to many future columns.

I can finally report that CZP is entering the computer age. Most of the text of the last two issues was sent to the printer on computer "floppies". This meant several things: the printer did not have to retype, so turnaround time was shortened; we did not have to proofread the printer's galleys as carefully; and there was some reduction in printing expense, which should help keep our costs down. What I am saying to our contributors is please send your articles to me on an IBM compatible diskette, preferably in Word-Perfect if at all possible. We will eventually get our modem operating, which will speed things up even more. Do not let this small sign of progress deter nascent authors. We are desperate enough to accept illegible handwritten scrawls. Just get the information to us and it will be used.

As Editor I have seldom taken advantage of these columns to impose my own agenda. It is somewhat muted in the content of the notes and articles because most of the time we print what we get. Or, at least, we respond to the input of our authors and readers.

An impartial critique of our journal indicated a disproportionate amount of space devoted to institutional "house-keeping", short changing the archival philatelic material. I am inclined to agree. On occasion a backlog of interesting material develops. With the 8-page format it means lengthening the pipeline, thus delaying publication. We always defer long-term material for time-sensitive material. Items with a short fuse do get printed first, and even exciting new discoveries of type flaws of 90 year old stamps are put on the back burner.

There is no free hand (or pen). There are constraints. CZP is committed to the publication of organizational material. It is a "given" that we keep our members informed of organizational activities. If you thumb through this journal for any consecutive four quarter period you will see what this means. There is mandatory inclusion of President's Letters, Meeting Notices, Mail Sale Notices (and Reports), second page masthead, Election Committee Reports, advertisements (both paid and institutional), Secretary's Report (with lists of new members, and an annual list of Sustaining and Contributing Members, etc.), Financial Report, and Scott Catalog Reviews. Some of

these are annual, but most use space in every issue. That is what I want to write about -- space.

There has been recent discussion (initiated by the Editor) on the advisability of increasing our format to 12 pages. This has met both enthusiasm and reluctance. Most of our members want all they can get -- the more the merrier. However, the more conservative look at it in terms of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". There is also the burden of 1) maintaining quality, 2) increased expense of printing and postage, 3) additional editorial labor, 4) making it difficult for the next Editor who may be unable to sustain 12 pages.

There has been no clear go-ahead, but I think I have a solution. These 12-page issues must be considered "occasional". Some contributions require more space than usual. So, as long as there is material available for a larger than normal issue, you will get one.

To continue larger issues requires that there still be articles on the horizon for the next issue. We can do it this way as material permits, and as long as we have a promise of future articles. This shifts part of the burden to our members. If you supply the material, we will edit and print.

Pro and con comment is solicited, directed to the President or the Editor.

ARIPEX 1995 Report

A CZSG regional meeting was held at ARIPEX in Tucson January 28, 1995, with ten members attending, hosted by local member Lawson Entwistle. Dick Salz spoke first on our successful membership drive, the October 1994 Mail Sale, and the shortly anticipated publication of Bob Karrer's *Canal Zone Post Office Openings and Closings -- Commemorative Covers 1927-1939*.

Discussion ensued on Post Office Announcement Cards, aerophilately, special delivery covers/markings, an update of the UPSS Postal Stationery Catalog, and an opportunity to share a booth with another organization at Pacific 97 World Philatelic Exhibition in San Francisco.

A proposal has been made to honor the 11 or so surviving current CZSG members of the 93 Charter Members of 1953. Pacific 97 was suggested as the logical forum for this, with the nature and description of an award to be determined. Members with opinions or ideas on this subject should step forward.

Show'n Tell quietly ended the meeting, attendees having apparently sequestered their better discoveries.

Attendees: Jim Baxter, Jim Crumpacker, Pat Dowling, Lawson Entwistle, David Leeds, Jim Noll, Dick Salz, Maggie Salz, Gary Weiss, Larry Weinstock.

Jim Crumpacker

UPSS Postal Stationery Catalog Update

by Irwin J. Gibbs, Chairman

The response to the article in CZP 113 has not been overwhelming. To update the UPSS Catalog is going to require a effort by many people. A very large number of changes and additions have been discovered. Listed below are UPSS numbers 8 through 14 with earliest reported cancellation dates.

Scott No.	UPSS	Earliest Reported Date
U8	8	Dec 31, 1924
	9	May 04, 1925
	9a	
U9	10 Plain	Oct 10, 1924
	cc General Request	Jan 07, 1925
	cc Ancon	
	cc Balboa	Mar 31, 1926
	cc Balboa Heights	Feb 20, 1928
	cc Corozal	Mar 11, 1929
	cc Cristobal	Jul 02, 1928
	cc Fort Clayton	Nov 18, 1924?
	cc France Field	Jun 06, 1928
	cc Gatun	May 17, 1928
	cc Pedro Miguel	May 06, 1928
U9	11 Plain	Feb 19, 1925
	cc General Request	May 27, 1925
	cc Ancon	May 29, 1925
	cc Balboa	
	cc Balboa Heights	Oct 17, 1928
	cc Coco Solo	Apr 19, 1926
	cc Corozal	Jul 19, 1926
	cc Cristobal	Jan 15, 1926
	cc Culebra	
	cc Fort Clayton	Jan 01, 1928
	cc Fort Sherman	May 05, 1926
	cc France Field	
	cc Gatun	Feb 26, 1928
	cc Pedro Miguel	Mar 10, 1926
U9	12 Plain	Apr 13, 1926
	cc General Request	Jun 25, 1926
	cc Ancon	Jul 03, 1928
	cc Balboa	Nov 06, 1926
	cc Balboa Heights	Sep 13, 1926
	cc Coco Solo	Jan 22, 1929
	cc Corozal	
	cc Cristobal	Sep 14, 1926
	cc Fort Sherman	Aug 04, 1926
	cc France Field	
	cc Gatun	Oct 23, 1926
	cc Pedro Miguel	May 02, 1927
U9	13 Plain P-5	Nov 04, 1924
U9	14 Plain P-6	Jan 12, 1932

Thanks for input are due Dr Martin A. Ackerman, Kenneth H. Flagg, David J. Leeds, and John C. Smith. If you have earlier dates or varieties not in the catalog, please send information to: Irwin J. Gibbs, Chairman, Postal Stationery Committee, PO Box 940, Burlingame, CA 94010

**Recruit A
New Member!**

Vice President's Report

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only in better communication and voluntary input.

With the occasional expansion of *CZP* to 12 pages and the recent acquisition of dozens of new members due to the joint CZSG/APS information exchange, we can get a renewed start on achieving a wider spread of information and publication than our previous size would justify. One outstanding information base is already available: the CZSG Questionnaire Results put forth in *CZP* Whole No. 103 from the second quarter of 1992.

The very high questionnaire response rate was an excellent indicator of ardor and enthusiasm; the pie charts in that issue said "You are not alone" even to those who have very narrowly defined interests. A good follow-up was the President's Report in *CZP* Whole No. 108 from the third quarter of 1993 which outlined and clarified the Committee structure which has been found to be the most effective means of volunteer service, information exchange, and publication development.

No one claims that the topics in those pie charts are a final stage of stasis. Anything new is especially welcome. You would not find 'SPECIMEN' overprints on Canal Zone stamps to be among the listings in 1992; the dispersion of those issues was barely under way at the time. But any CZSG member with even a vague interest in this unexplored subject and who would care to learn more can, prior to June 1, send a 9"x11" SASE with a \$1 stamp on it to my address shown at the beginning of this article. You will receive in return a good quality color photocopy of a sheet of 100 stamps, Panama issue with Canal Zone and SPECIMEN overprints. Who knows, you might learn something about printing methods, plate set-up, spacings, broken letters, or any of a dozen other subjects in addition to the SPECIMEN aspect. No, you won't be asked to serve on a committee...

The most beneficial "volunteers needed" idea is probably a sales circuit, but is also the most complicated. We would need a person to handle the accounting, a designer and printer for the circuit books, someone to handle the mailings from an initial central point, possibly an ombudsman or rulemaker, and certainly members eager to submit material.

Why do we hesitate to volunteer our time and information? One reason normally unmentioned is that we are all hesitant to reveal our ignorance. *CZP* often contains requests for data on an esoteric subject. It is humbling to consider sending a photocopy of one or two stamps or covers to an expert (?) who, we are certain, already has seen 50 examples of the same thing. Nonetheless, we all have our areas of interest, inchoate though they may be. Your Editor and

President are the initial clearinghouses for new ideas and the channels of contact for like-minded members.

It's time to speak up.

Auctions

by Jim Crumpacker

This report covers auctions taking place in the fourth quarter, October 1 through December 31, 1994. It was a productive period with active bidding for scarcer material, including a quantity of #15 and varieties. The catalog value, Scott's Specialized 1995, is given in parenthesis following the selling price shown. If some of the dollar amounts seem unusual, remember that at least six major auction firms now have a 15% buyer's commission.

- 1, part OG, H, nat. SE, F \$210 (\$450) Bennett
- 1, used, F+VF \$489 (\$375) Ivy and Mader
- 1, TG, H, F-VF margin Bl. 4 \$978 (\$2000) Wolfers
- 2 var., Colon between right PANAMA and bar, TG, H, F in margin Bl. 4 with normals \$462 (\$1050) Kelleher
- 3, used, VF \$460 (\$275) Ivy and Mader
- 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, F-VF on VF Regist. cover Cristobal 12/4/05 to Switzerland \$528 (\$n/a) Kelleher
- 12b, ZONE antique, OG, H, F-VF in Bl. 4 with normals \$44 (\$96) Wolfers
- 12 var., PANAMA and spaced A L, OG, H, VG-F in margin pair with normal \$418 (\$707) Kelleher
- 13 var., right PANAMA 5mm below bar, OG, H, F \$53 (\$150) Kelleher
- 14a, ZONE antique, OG, H, F in Bl. 4 with normals \$330 (\$1075) Kelleher
- 14d, CANAL antique, red brown, OG, H, F in Bl. 8 with normals \$825 (\$2275) Kelleher
- 15a, OG, H, VG margin single \$3850 (\$6500) Kelleher
- 15a, TG, H, F one pp in strip of 3 with #15s \$5225 (\$11300) Kelleher
- 15 var., spaced A L in CANAL, TG, H, F in pair with normal \$4125 (\$5650) Kelleher
- 15 var., PANAMA 15mm long, OG, H, VF in pair with normal \$3850 (\$5150) Kelleher
- 15, TG, H, F-VF Bl. 4 with Types A, B, and C "8"s \$5775 (\$10000) Kelleher
- 19a, 19b, CANAL and ZONE antique, OG, H, F in margin Bl. 25 with normals \$660 (\$1435) Kelleher
- 20, sheet of 100 incl. 20a and 20b, TG, F-VF \$1815 (\$4320) Kelleher
- 22c, double overprint, OG, H, F-VF \$196 (\$275) Wolfers
- 23, 20, F on VF cover 11/25/06, first day for #23, Regist. Crist./Pedro Mig. to USA \$253 (\$n/a) Weiss
- 31c, booklet pane of 6, handmade, OG, H, F \$431 (\$550) Wolfers
- 39e, inverted center and overprint, used, VF \$633 (\$850) Ivy and Mader

- 39g, booklet pane of 6, handmade, OG, NH, F \$605 (\$1100) Drews
- 56a, double overprint, OG, H, VF \$403 (\$500) Ivy and Mader
- 56c var., horizontal pair, right stamp(s) without overprint in margin strip of 3, the only foldover copy, OG, H, right stamp thin o/w VF \$690 (\$1250) Ivy and Mader
- 61f, booklet pane of 6, OG, H, F-VF with selvage wrinkle \$1320 (\$1750) Drews
- CZSG 69.A-69.G, Unissued Arms set of 7, TG, H, F-VF \$1155 (\$1750) Drews
- 71b, ZONE inverted, TG, NH, F in Bl. 6 with normals \$132 (\$356) Schiff
- 73a, booklet pane of 6, OG, H, F \$242 (\$500) Schiff
- 86c, inverted ovpt., OG, H, F, \$88 (\$200) Schiff
- 91c, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, F \$88 (\$200) Schiff
- 95, OG, NH, F Bl. 4 \$210 (\$550) Bennett
- 97b, booklet pane of 6, OG, H, VG-F \$165 (\$650) Drews
- J6, almost F on VG censored cover, blob cancel, from Britain 11/12/17 to Cristobal with GB 1 pence stamp \$187 (\$150) Newman
- O8, CTO, OG, H, F lightly toned \$275 (\$600) Weiss
- UF1a, (UPSSR 3) mint, VF, wrinkles back \$990 (\$1000) Drews
- UX2d, mint, F-VF \$110 (\$200) Drews
- U3, used, corner only, F \$27 (\$100) Bennett
- U12, mint, VF \$116 (\$225) Aldrich
- U14, (UPSS 36) mint, VF \$231 (\$450) Drews
- U15, (UPSS 37) mint, VF \$138 (\$250) Drews
- U15, (UPSS 39) mint, VF \$121 (\$250) Drews
- Die Proof, PANAMA #219 Pl, (for CZ #59, the 1 Balboa) on reduced card with ABN imprint, VF \$253 (\$n/a) Schiff

The addresses of the mentioned auction houses are shown below. Kindly reference *CZP* when requesting catalogues.

- Michael E. Aldrich Auctions, P.O. Box 130484, Saint Paul, MN 55113
- Matthew Bennett, Inc., 31 W. Chesapeake Ave., Baltimore, MD 21204
- Richard E. Drews Auctions, 7139 W. Higgins, Chicago, IL 60656
- Ivy and Mader Philatelic Auctions, 32 East 57th St., 11th floor, New York, N.Y. 10022
- Daniel F. Kelleher Co., Inc., 24 Farnsworth St., Suite 605, Boston, MA 02210
- Lowell S. Newman & Co., 1500 Harbor Boulevard, Weehawken, NJ 07087
- Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Inc., 195 Main Street, Ridgefield Park, N.J. 07660-1696
- Weiss Philatelics, P.O. Box 5358, Bethlehem, PA 18015
- Richard Wolfers Auctions, Inc., 133 Kearny St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94108

A FRACTIONAL EXHIBIT: THE HALF-A COLLECTION

by Clyde Jennings

This collection was developed to demonstrate that an exhibit can consist of relatively inexpensive modern material, follow all the rules, add a bit of innovation, and still be very interesting. The exhibit has won major awards.

The complete exhibit presents the United States half-cent stamps, 11 varieties in all. It contains every facet showing unused, used, proof, specimen, freak, color and fancy cancel, precancel, perforin, first day, and every conceivable postal usage, with emphasis on rates. Not every usage is shown in the exhibit for each variety, but the aggregate includes them all. One of the most elusive items was the official punched "P", requiring the help of CZSG members and 15 letters over a span of three years to locate.

Canal Zone has overprinted two U.S. half-cent stamps for use in the Zone: the Nathan Hale Issue of 1925 and the 1938 Presidential Issue. The two introductory pages for the 1925 Canal Zone stamps are shown as Figs. 1 and 2.

No proofs exist of the overprint of the Nathan Hale issue, and no major varieties can be shown other than varied spacings between CANAL and ZONE. The only plate flaw of the issue was on Plate No. 17041, which was not overprinted so cannot be shown. The spacing varieties from 7.7 to 9.2 mm are shown in the exhibit as blocks of four. No single stamp used on cover is shown as there was no half-cent rate. The stamp was intended to be used to make up new fractional postal rates and for printed matter.

The cheapest third-class mailing rate (a pair) and multiples to meet other rates are included in the exhibit. Some of the covers are quite exotic, with the half-cent providing part of the franking on the 1925 Pioneer Flight to Costa Rica, deficient franking on the December 29, 1925 flight to Costa Rica, the excuse for use of the Provisional Postage Dues, and on a combination SCADTA cover from the Canal Zone to Colombia.

Almost all of the covers in the exhibit are either philatelic or philatelically inspired. They are properly used, but used by collectors or post office personnel. It is unlikely that they exist otherwise.

The Madagascar Universal Postal Union (UPU) Specimens are the high-

light of this portion of the exhibit. These were recently obtained from the 1994 CZSG Mail Sale. The purchases somewhat violated the premise of my first paragraph since there was spirited bidding by other collectors to acquire this unique piece which includes the 1/2¢. UPU specimens are those stamps supplied to members of the Postal Union as samples of stamps in use by the member countries. Additional detail on the UPU overprints can be found in this journal (CZP 90:1).

The only Canal Zone stamps previously known from the Madagascar holdings are three copies of #36, the 10¢ on 13¢ gray map. The partial sheet shown here, Fig. 3, from the Madagascar postal ledger book includes the run of 1/2¢ through \$1.00 in strips of three.

The problem is that stamps from both sets of the initial flat top "A" and later sharp top "A" are intermixed. It is possible that the Berne authorities waited until they accumulated a sizable shipment before sending them to the member countries. A single shipment to UPU is a more likely scenario. The earliest issued stamp on the sheet is the 1¢ flat "A" of July 1, 1924, and the latest are the 2¢ and 30¢ sharp top "A" issued in May 1926. Berne may have accumulated stamps

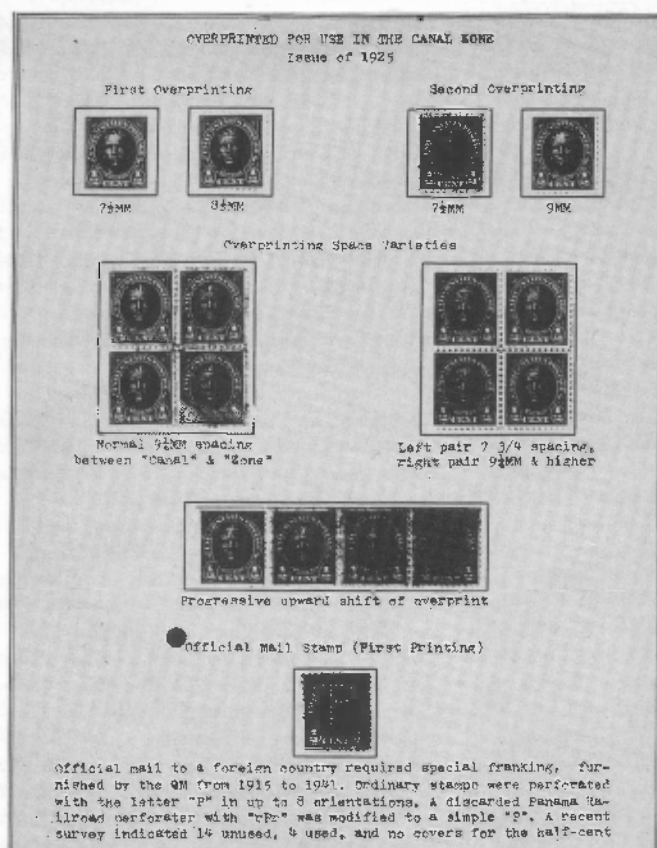


Fig. 1. 1925 CZ 1/2c Introductory Page.

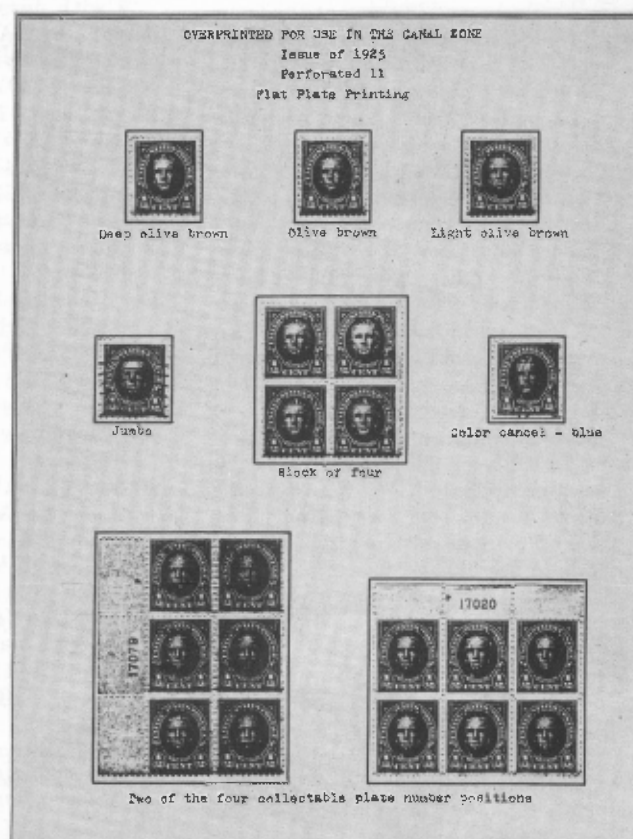


Fig. 2. 1925 CZ 1/2c Second Exhibit Page.

for almost three years before distributing them, and did not distinguish between the printings. But this unlikely combination of issues makes it difficult to construct a sequence of multiple shipments to Berne. It more likely represents a single shipment of the assemblage on hand somewhat after May 1926. At that time there were still stocks of the flat top "A". The 14¢ and 50¢ sharp top "A" were not issued until 1928 so would have been absent. It is unlikely that the CZ postal authorities had any interest in the several printings.

The 1938 half-cent issue is exhibited in its range of shades and in the placement of the overprint. It floats up over a vertical range of 4 mm. The many printings provide worn and broken letters. The two varieties of precancels (handstamped and printed) are in the exhibit, as well as a range of cancels. As a whole this later issue does not present the challenge of the 1925 issue. By this time collectors were in line with cacheted first day covers. One of the most interesting here is the first day from Ancon rather than the "official" Balboa Heights office. The usual first days of this stamp are readily obtainable; the 1925 first day, seldom seen on the market, is included.

All in all, the exhibit has been a challenge, and has been suitably rewarded both in the satisfaction of accomplishing something from almost nothing, and in approval by the Judges. The exhibit (without the UPU sheet) in its first showings in 1988 and 1989 won APS Vermeil awards and since that time a string of Golds, including a Reserve Grand, and the Grand at Florida West Coast Show '92.

The entire collection was presented in a Bureau Issues Association series from February 1991 through June 1992, and later collated and produced as a booklet.

'95 SANDICAL Report

A CZSG Regional Meeting was held in San Diego, California at SANDICAL'95, February 11, 1995. CZSG activities were discussed along with the publications schedule. Alan Klein spoke of his *Old Ironsides* exhibit (an APS Silver), "Old Ironsides Sails to San Diego". It will be reworked for WESTPEX by the addition of a frame of covers, "Old Ironsides Sails to San Francisco". The Canal Zone origin covers were of particular interest (air-mail, autographed, and Panama franking) as were the Guantanamo covers with Cuban franking. Jim Noll led discussion of Money Order Branch forms and markings. The "hot" item was "Operation Safe Haven" (see elsewhere in this issue).



Fig. 3. Madagascar UPU Specimen Sheet.

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Camps

Little is known about a number of Canal
Zone locations indicated in return ad-
dresses as "Camps". These are early
(before WWII) military camps:

Camp E. S. Otis (Las Cascadas, 1914)

Camp Elliott (Empire, 1914)

Camp Gaillard (Culebra, 1928-1925?)

Camp Gatun (Gatun, Pre-Ft. Davis)

They are being researched in the
military literature and should not pose
a problem. However, WWII camps are
complete mysteries to most of us. Infor-
mation is solicited on the following:

Camp Cainer (Cristobal June 1944)

Camp Chorrera (Balboa February 1942)

Camp Escobal (Cristobal January 1943)

Camp Paraiso (Ft. Davis March 1942)

Camp Jones (Cristobal WWII)

There are probably others. **Camp Chiva**
is documented with respect to its postal
affiliation as a branch (or sub-office) of
Pedro Miguel. Its function is not clear.
The others are only known to the Editor
through return addresses. We would
greatly appreciate photocopies of ex-
amples of these or others, and any
information with respect to dates, loca-
tion, and function. Please share your
data.

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